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Gov. Lloyd Stark

Dear Gov.-

I am writing you for information since I see the stand you are taking for the right. I voted against you in the election thinking you were a Pendergast man. But I am with you to the end for the right as long as you are our governor and hope that will be for another term. The information I want is to know what to do in regard to project that went right through by me I was put on the work before the election & stayed until a little after & was laid off because I didn't vote to suit

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the Pendergast bunch in here I wrote to the president & he gave orders to put me back which they did but the first chance they got I was laid off again nearly every farmer that was working got grant checks & some recieved checks after they went back on the road but me I tried but was turned down. One man signed up for a team & drew team checks that didn't even own a horse and a fellow that owns about 9 hundred acres of land with plenty of money put the team on the pay rolls. The pay rolls will show this and every one in here knows about it there was quite a stir made at the time & a fellow came in pretending to investigate

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But that was the last of it he went to this fellow that had the team signed and ask about it. I don't think I am doing right as a citizen or you as a governor to allow such underhanded work to go on and not make a protest against it. That is my reason for writing this letter. If I can be of any help in any way getting information on the crookedness in here I am at your service we have some straight democrats in Benton at Clair & Henry Co that I know Pendergast don't boss. If something isn't done most of the W.P.A. workers will vote Pendergast way & all their bosses will. I will hope there will be enough

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honest people stay with you to clean the state of this awful thing & make it clean in politics. I would like to know how to do at the next election[,] last time a fellow that thinks he is pretty high with Pendergast had his wife & brotherinlaw Right inside the polls to see just how the W.P.A. workers & thing wives voted.

At your service

G.H. Smart

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